MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Taluk Rationing Officer is issuing licences.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government are aware that wholesale dealers, for example in Thiruvella, are still running retail shops side by side with wholesale shops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I will enquire.

Retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk.

517. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk.

518. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: [illegible]

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I may refer the honourable member to the statement published in Appendix I.

Food grains distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk.

519. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war list of grain distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Wholesale and retail Merchants.

520. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a taluk-war statement showing:

(*a*) the number of wholesale merchants in food-grains in 1120;

(*b*) the number of retail merchants in the same year;

(*c*) the number of wholesale merchants at present; and

(*d*) the number of retail merchants at present?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) The required information is furnished in the statement appended.*

Purchase of paddy.

521. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy purchased by the Travancore Government under the Settlement Pattom and on the excess basis, in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively; and

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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[Mr. P. Kochukrishna Pillai.]

(*b*) the quantity of rice imported from outside in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

		1120 Paras.	*1121 Paras.*
(*a*) Quantity purchased under			
Settlement pattom	...	70,94,140	50,40,816
On excess basis	...	13,64,764	1,56,499
Total	...	84,58,904	51,97,315

(*b*) 1,98,188 tons in 1120 and 1,10,851 tons in 1121 till the end of Mithunam 1121.

Retail ration merchants in the Ambalapuzha taluk.

522. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the retail ration merchants in the Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail ration merchants in the Koipram pakuthy.

523. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, bycaste, of the retail ration merchants in the Koipram pakuthy, Thiruvella taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail Ration merchants.

524. * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of retail ration merchants and retail ration cloth merchants in Quilon taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Agricultural Income Tax.

525. * MR. K. K CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what conclusions Government have arrived at after the assessment of public opinion in respect of agricultural income tax?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): Public opinion is overwhelmingly in favour of agricultural income tax.

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